

REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration and allowance of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

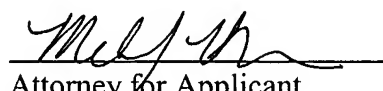
Claims 19-36 have been allowed in this application, with Claims 19, 23, 28, and 32 being independent. Claims 19, 23, 28, and 32 have been amended to read that when an auto-selecting mode "is selected" (rather than when an "image forming apparatus is operating in" an auto-selecting mode), a designating portion (or a control portion) can designate (or control and stand by) as recited. No new matter has been added.

The claims have been amended to even more clearly recite features of the invention. Applicant submits that the amendments do not alter the allowed status of the claims.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue of the application are respectfully requested.

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